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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jay K. Bass

Group Art Unit: 1634

Serial No.: 09/846,474 ✓

Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson

Filed: 04/30/2001

Title: ERROR DETECTION IN CHEMICAL ARRAY FABRICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action mailed Sept. 3, 2002. The Action contained only a restriction requirement identifying the following Groups:

Group I - claims 1-37 and 43-45;

Group II - claims 40-42 and 46-53; and

Group III - claims 54-58.

Approved
by Mr. Stewart
12/10

Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-37, 43-45). The election is with traverse in relation to Group III. In particular, claim 54 is the only independent claim of this Group and recites a computer program which executes a method of claim 2 (of Group I). Accordingly, no further search is required by the Examiner in relation to

Group III over Group I, and it is therefore respectfully requested that Group III be examined together with Group I.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this response, he is invited to call Gordon Stewart at (650)485-2386.

Respectfully submitted,



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